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Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract on page 19, lines 2-12 as shown below:

The present invention relates to a wireless local area network station comprising means for a signal processing element, a carrier detect sensing element, a defer behavior sensing element, and memory. The network station ~~is adapted to transmit~~ transmits and receive receives signals within a communication cell ~~comprising that~~ defines a carrier detect zone and a defer zone around an access point. The network station associates with the access point by transmitting an association request to the access point and by receiving an association response from the access point during entry of the network station into the cell. The network station ~~is arranged to receive~~ receives a preferred carrier detect threshold level value and a preferred defer behavior threshold level values ~~for the carrier detect threshold and defer behavior threshold value~~ from the access point and ~~to store these preference~~ stores the carrier detect threshold and defer behavior threshold level values in its memory for use during operation while being associated with the access point.

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